

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
COLONEL ERNEST L. HARDIN, JR.

Colonel E. L. Hardin, Jr., is District Engineer, Alaska District, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army. He is responsible for a program of civil works and military construction in Alaska. His District is part of the North Pacific Division currently headed by Brigadier General Roy S. Kelley, in Portland, Oregon.

Colonel Hardin was born in Salisbury, North Carolina, on November 24, 1921. He was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers in 1945 upon graduation from the United States Military Academy, West Point. He served with various Engineer construction units in the Philippines during his first year, and then was assigned for another year to duty in Okinawa, after which he attended Cornell University where he received a degree as bachelor of mechanical engineering.

In 1949-50 he was Assistant to the District Engineer at St. Louis, Missouri, with duty at the construction site of the Chain of Rocks civil works project. This was followed by a year in Korea with the 25th Infantry Division; two years with the Engineer Research and Development Laboratories at Fort Belvoir, Virginia; and then three years as engineer advisor and training officer with the Military Assistance Advisory Group in Spain. Between these assignments, he attended the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

From 1959 to 1961 Colonel Hardin was an instructor in civil engineering at the United States Military Academy, West Point. For the next two years he commanded the 809th Engineer Construction Battalion on Okinawa; in 1962 he moved the battalion to Thailand and initiated construction of the Bangkok By-pass Road. This was followed by an assignment to the Operations Directorate Office of the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations, at the Pentagon, Washington, D. C.

Colonel Hardin is a graduate of the Army War College. He also attended George Washington University, where he received a Master of Arts degree in International Affairs. He has been in his present assignment since 1967.

Colonel Hardin is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of New York. He is married to the former Eleanor I. Barker of Ann Arbor, Michigan. They have four children.